

May Job Postings 2020-2021 Comparison



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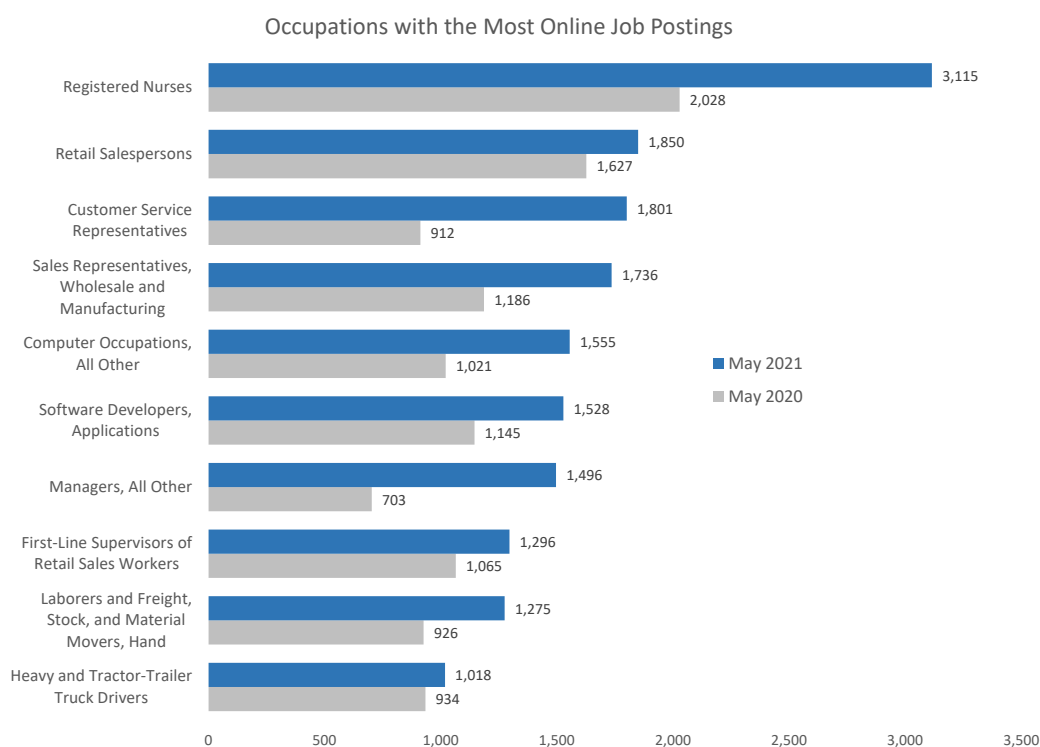
Job Demand during COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented changes in the job market. Unemployment rates spiked to record highs in the spring and summer of 2020 as businesses shut down to prevent the spread of the virus. Although unemployment rates have decreased since the start of the pandemic, there continue to be shifts in job postings. As workforce needs change across the state, it is important to know which occupations and industries are in demand to help displaced workers find new career paths.

In May 2021, there were 67,262 online job postings, compared to 42,390 in May 2020, representing a 37 percent increase. Although job postings have increased sharply compared to May 2020, they are similar to last month's (April 2021) number of 68,158. May 2020 was at the peak of COVID closures, and a low month for job postings. Unemployment rates show the same trend with sharp decreases from last year and similar numbers from last month. The May 2021 unemployment rate was 4.2 percent, compared to 4.1 percent in April 2021, and 9.6 percent in May 2020.

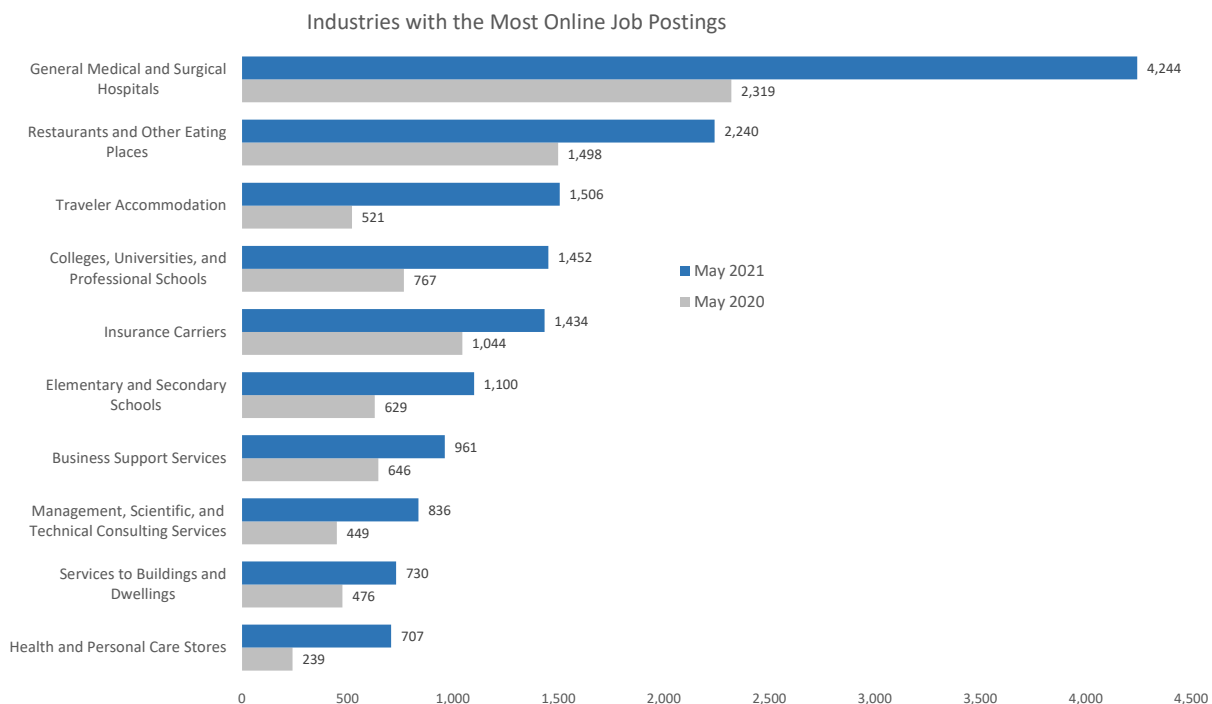
Top Occupations

The chart below shows the top 10 occupations with the most job postings in May 2021, compared to the number of job postings in May 2020. All occupations showed increases in postings from May 2020, with the largest percentage increases in *Managers, All Other* (53%) and *Customer Service Representatives* (49.4%).



Top Industries

The chart below shows the industries with the most job postings in May 2021, compared to May 2020. Each of the top 10 industries showed increases in postings compared to May 2020, with the largest percentage increases in *Health and Personal Care Stores* (66.2%) and *Traveler Accommodation* (65.4%). The industry with the largest numerical increase was *General Medical and Surgical Hospitals*, with 1,925 more postings than May of 2020.



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